

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method for cleaning a grinding machine, comprising:
apportioning a predetermined amount of a cleaning material;
inserting the cleaning material into the grinding machine;
grinding the cleaning material using the grinder; and
purging the coarse material from the coffee grinder.
- 10 2. The cleaning method of claim 1 wherein the coarse material comprises one or more of the following organic materials:
 - (a) legumes;
 - (b) corn husks;
 - 15 (c) walnut shells;
 - (d) pecan shells;
 - (e) nuts;
 - (f) rice;
 - (g) dried corn kernels;
 - 20 (h) barley;
 - (i) wheat;
 - (j) grain;

- (k) fiber;
- (l) legume;
- (m) nut;
- (n) bark;
- 5 (o) shell;
- (p) corn meal;
- (q) bulgur wheat;
- (r) oatmeal;
- (s) quick oats;
- 10 (t) grits; and
- (u) rice hulls.

3. The cleaning method of claim 2 wherein the organic material comprises substantially 40% bulgur wheat.

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4. The cleaning method of claim 3 wherein the organic material comprises at least 40% cornmeal.

20 5. The cleaning method of claim 1, wherein the coarse material is in the form of a tablet.

6. The cleaning method of claim 5, wherein the tablet is sized and shaped like a coffee bean.

7. The cleaning method of claim 1, wherein the coarse material is colored.

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8. The cleaning method of claim 1, further comprising a binding material.

9. A grinding machine cleaner, comprising:

food-safe coarse materials;

10 a mold for shaping and sizing the organic coarse materials into a tablet of a predetermined size and shape; and

a binding material combined with the organic coarse material to enable the organic coarse material to retain its shape and size once the organic coarse material is removed from the mold.

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10. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is colored.

11. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the tablet is sized and
20 shaped like a coffee bean.

12. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is organic.

13. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the organic coarse
5 material comprises one or more of the following ingredients:

- a) bulgur wheat; and
- b) corn meal.

14. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 9, wherein the coarse material is
10 inorganic.

15. An apparatus for making a grinding machine cleaner, comprising:

a mold having a first portion having a first predetermined size and shape;

a mold having a second portion having a second predetermined size and shape

15 complementary to the first predetermined size and shape;

a pressing machine for pressing the first and second halves of the mold together at a predetermined force; and

a predetermined quantity of coarse materials for insertion into the mold.

20 16. The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a binding material to be mixed in with the coarse materials.

17. The apparatus of claim 13, further comprising a coloring agent to be mixed in with the coarse materials.

18. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the first portion of the mold is sized
5 and shaped like the bottom side of a coffee bean.

19. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the second portion of the mold is sized and shaped like the top side of a coffee bean.

10 20. The grinding machine cleaner of claim 13, wherein the coarse material is inorganic.